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A Public Health Airman finally arrives home...

hief Master Sergeant
Glen Hunt, after 29 years of service
to our nation, will depart for home'this
December. This is his story in his own words.

Contrary to what Col May stated a few years ago at the PH symposium, I believe I maybe the last Public Health tech who never attended Tech School. I went DDA from BMTS/Med Funnies to Charleston AFB, S.C in Oct 1969. Back in those days'we separated out our meats into numerical classifications for veal, lamb, beef, etc for our monthly reports.

After getting within 3 weeks of separating from the Air Force in 1973, I reenlisted. Anticipating PCS orders to Vietnam, I got a short notice reassignment to Kaneohe MCAS, attached to a U.S. Navy hospital on a Marine Corps Base in Hawaii. I spent three years doing class 4 and working in our small, well animal clinic.

Wanting an assignment to Anywhere AFB, USA to familiarize myself with the Air Force again, I got Camp Lejeune MCAB, N.C. (1976-79) instead. There was a small contingency of AF people attached to the Marine Corps Base to perform Class 3 inspections at a large bacon

processing plant, Carolina Meat Processors, south of the base. The Vietnam war had ended, the country's economy was improving and the bacon plant was not competitively bidding on any military contracts. I virtually didn't have a job for 2 1/2 years. I had called MAJCOM asking

for reassignment and was instructed to "shut the hell up" and I'd be moved when they were "damn good and ready."

I arrived at Keesler AFB, MS in July 1979. This assignment was pretty uneventful except for Hurricane Frederick and the sanitary inspections of offbase food production companies to support the Army's "Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Sources" and my first trip to the schoolhouse for the old management course.

Three years later, HQ ATC/SGPM, Col Wesley Jackson, moved me to Williams AFB, AZ (1982-85). For the first time in my military career I flew on an Air Force plane, - without playing in a softball tournament.

Three years later....we were in Izmir, Turkey to provide support to NATO Forces from Jul 85 to Jul 87.

After losing a battle with CMSgt Joe Hicks, HQ TAC, for my T-BOP preference, I got an assignment to Wurtsmith AFB, MI (1987-90). This was a nice place to retire, relatively close to family in Centerville, IN.

My second serious attempt to influence my next assignment was thwarted. I was assigned to HQ SAC (1990-92) as Col Dave Cardin was retiring. I had the distinguished opportunity to work with Col Steve Grube and quickly recognized Nebraska didn't possess any retirement potential. Strategic Air Command finally defeated the Communist threat and restructured with some other command named TAC (I think).

I took one last assignment to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, arriving in the summer of 1992. This is the only assignment I ever asked for and received. And here III stay....."

This has got to added to our official history!

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